

# **DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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### **Minutes of April 28, 2005 Meeting**

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:13p.m. in Room 119 of the Town Hall.

**Members present:**

Dave Campbell	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jerry Nielsen
Kevin Newman	Jenny Streeter
John Bowes	

**Guest List:**

Adele Conniff	John Ryan
Don Fiftal	

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the April 28, 2005 meeting were adopted unanimously.

#### **Construction Committee Report**

John Ryan reviewed his cost control report. The project remains on budget, with a very small contingency fund left. However, he pointed out that this should be sufficient as the project winds down. There, of course, are unknowns associated with the demolition project that could absorb the remainder of the contingency fund. He also reviewed the current claims against the project that remain unresolved. It is the committee's position that these claims are without merit and should be rejected.

There is a \$54,000 expense related to the correction of the drainage problem on the baseball field. It is the committee's position that the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond (hired as a consultant by the architect) are responsible for this cost, and funds will be withheld from payment to them via the architect.

Jenny Streeter said that we have received the go-ahead to begin abatement of the gym, after a six-week delay. The work should begin Monday.

Peter Maglathlin said that Gary McCarthy has proposed putting an artificial turf on a third field (next to the lacrosse field in the oval), and said he has raised sufficient funds for such a project. The committee opposed the idea because such an action would either eliminate a practice field on the east end of the oval, or require substantial site work (and additional cost) to create a retaining wall. The committee was informed that the Board of Education had also reviewed and rejected the proposal. The committee was grateful for Mr. McCarthy's efforts, and acknowledged that an additional turf field would be of great benefit to the community. The committee suggested that the turf field might be located at another school, such as Middlesex lower field.

**Design Development Committee – None.**

**Finance Committee**

John Bowes said that we retain sufficient funds budgeted for the architect to have adequate leverage at this point.

**Chairman's Report**

Peter Maglathlin said that Wellesley Public Schools will be touring the new facility on May 18-20. They are trying to decide whether to renovate their facility or build a new one. He also said that the Science Building should be ready to receive equipment from the old building after May 1.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2005, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte  
Secretary

***Approved: July 14, 2005***